# **STONEY STANTON PARISH COUNCIL**

# Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Stoney Stanton Parish Council held at the village hall on Tuesday 22nd November 2022 at 7.30pm.

#### **Parish Councillors:**

Mr L Cousin (Chair) Mrs J Dixon (Vice-chair) Mrs S Astill Mr F Gent Mr P Martin

#### **Clerk:** Miss R Ward **District & County Councillors**: None **Public Participation**: Two

# 22-197 Apologies

**RESOLVED:** Members accepted apologies from Cllr J Masters Members accepted apologies from Cllr R Neal Members accepted apologies from Cllr R Poynor

No apologies were received from Cllr M Macklin

# 22-198 Declarations of Interest

Cllr L Cousin: Action Group, PTFA, Scouts Cllr F Gent: Large Planning developments Cllr P Martin: Integrated network team for HBBC Cllr J Dixon: Youth Club

# 22-199 Minutes of the previous meeting

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were agreed and signed.

# 22-200 Reports from County and District Councillors

The reports were received at the meeting dated 8th November 2022

#### 22-201 Public Participation

Members welcomed PC Keaton Payne, who is now part of the Fosse Villages Beat Team along with PC Ben Morris and PCSO Ryan Keane. PC Payne was pleased to advised Stoney Stanton was a low crime area.

Cllr J Dixon invited PC Payne to attend the youth club on Thursday evening between 6-8pm. It was also reported that there is still a delay from reports from the control room being seen by the local beat team and he advised he would look into this.

#### **22-202** To update on the village hall plans

These items were covered at the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

# 22-203 To consider Events

# <u>Christmas</u>

#### The Star

Members were reminded about the report from Chris Stubbs and all acknowledged the content, however the current position is the Parish Council have no written authority from the church and Diocese to proceed with the project.

It was also mentioned that we should contact the planning department as an application may be necessary for a listed building, consideration for insurance needs and what health and safety requirements would be needed. Members also considered if permission is not granted from the diocese, what other locations could be used.

Members were also advised that an option of a group of private individuals taking over the project independently from the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED**: Members agreed to ask for written permission from the diocese in the first instance.

A thank you will be extended to Chris Stubbs for his help on this.

# **Poplar Tree**

The poplar tree lights had failed this year due to tree growth and had damaged the wrapping lights, these have now been removed and reinstated loosely to allow for future growth. The clerk confirmed all the trees have been tested and the handover to Paul Clarke has been done for the final checks and for the light switch on, at 6pm on Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022.

# Volunteers

The clerk asked for volunteers to assist with set up, road safety, raffle and clear away. Agreed to meet at 3.30pm to set up the gazebos.

# Food Parcel Donation

**RESOLVED**: Members agreed to spend £150 to assist with the food parcels in conjunction with Living Rock Church and Blaby District Council.

# **Coronation Event**

Following agreement from the SSWMPFC to consider tree planting for the Coronation, a plan has been found of an area of LCC land at the site what was originally agreed for planting. Members agreed this would be a good site for Silver Birch and Gold Maple and thought a horseshoe design with seating would be an attractive feature. The clerk to contact LCC for permission to proceed and for SSWMPFC to allow for access, planting to be completed before the end of winter ideally.

If LCC were not to allow us permission, the land at Disney Close could be utilized.

The clerk also mentioned a request from a resident for a 'vintage car show' to be held on the green but the members were not favourable.

The clerk advised the 'poll' that has been put on social media is showing that families will be watching the Coronation on the Saturday so agreed to look at a 'Brass on the Grass' type of event for the Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 on the green.

# 22-204 To update on land management items

The Rotary Club have kindly offered the parish council some crocus bulbs, members agreed to plant them along the church wall of the green and around the village sign.

The Queen Elizabeth II Community Orchard is now ongoing with 14 new fruit trees planted on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022 by groups and individuals in the village.

Members discussed the open space at Disney Close and asked the clerk to research a low level hedge maze and blossom trees.

**RESOLVED**: Members agreed to purchase 4 new sets of brackets for the vehicle activated sign for the new locations at the cost of  $\pounds 208$  plus vat. We now have 12 columns tested and useable.

The agreed tree removal works at the Reading Rooms will no longer be going ahead due to the planning being postponed so the agreed £2200 will not be spent and members agreed to do the required maintenance for this year. The next bi-annual tree surveys are due in August 2023. **RESOLVED**: Members agreed £550 with Lloyds Pitchcare for the removal of dead wood, thin out, making safe and tidying the area.

**RESOLVED**: Members agreed to £450 with Lloyds Pitchcare for the removal of a diseased and dangerous tree in the Arboretum. Cllr Martin agreed to purchase a replacement tree and David Lloyd will plant free of charge.

Jetting of the Hydrobrake and drainage system at the Persimmon Estate - The pipes are due for maintenance next year and County Drains Ltd have quoted.

**RESOLVED**: Members agreed £485 with County Drains Ltd for jetting the whole system including the hydrobrake.

#### 22-205 To consider plans for 'Stan' the quarryman and the sett stones

For budget purposes, the clerk had given funding options to members for the wall design and discussed the time-line of events for the wall design.

**RESOLVED**: Members discussed the costs and agreed that they were too high to continue with the wall project but agreed that the sett stones need to be utilised and agreed to return to the circular design of sett stones to be installed around the base of the quarryman. Costs to be researched for the sett stone installation.

# 22-206 To consider options on the byelaws

The solicitors have confirmed that the byelaws have been sent to the Secretary of State for signing off.

# 22-207 To consider Orbits request for parking

**RESOLVED**: Members agreed for 6 of the orbit tenants to use the car parks at St Michaels and Long Street for a period of 3 months while the structural work is completed on the garages and their car park.

#### 22-208 Finance

(a) To sign and approve accounts/salaries for payment.

**RESOLVED**: that the accounts and salaries were authorised for payment retrospectively, as they were agreed and paid following the suspended meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

All payments having been authorised by 2 members (online bank authorisations were completed by Cllr Macklin and Cllr Cousin).

Payments for approval							
Date	Item No	Reference	Item	Payee	Net	Vat	Gross
8.11.22	1	V263	Mobile	Three	15.63	3.13	18.76
8.11.22	2	V264	Grounds Maintenance	David Lloyd Pitchcare	1,171.66	0.00	1,171.66
8.11.22	3	V265-V273	Expenses	Roz Ward	320.13	35.89	356.02
8.11.22	4	V274	Cleaning Contract	Zenith Services	509.82	101.98	611.90
8.11.22	5	V275	Van Insurance	Zurich	632.05	0.00	632.05
1.12.22	6	V276	Christmas lights	Ward (Festive Lights)	399.83	79.97	479.80
8.11.22	7	V277	Column Testing	RS Smith	450.00	90.00	540.00
8.11.22	8	V278	Trumpeter	Dave Collins	150.00	0.00	150.00
8.11.22	9	V279	Church Clock	Cumbria Clock	165.00	33.00	198.00
8.11.22	10	V280	Stationery	Staples	91.85	18.37	110.22
8.11.22	11	V281	Newsletter	Tradepint (S Eaves)	114.41	3.00	117.41
8.11.22	12	V282	Allotment Spraying	JMG Amenity	110.00	22.00	132.00
8.11.22	13	V283	Christmas maintenance	Paul Clarke	290.00	58.00	348.00
8.11.22	14	V284	Fruit trees	Roz Ward (Coles)	318.50	0.00	318.50
8.11.22	15	V285	Youth Club - July/Sept	Young Leicestershire	1,610.64	0.00	1,610.64
8.11.22	16	V286	Weedkiller - Allotment	Richard Mann	18.33	3.67	22.00
8.11.22	17	V287	Allotment Water	Waterplus	26.25	0.00	26.25
1.11.22	DD	DD047	Village Hall Electric	British Gas Lite	94.24	4.71	98.95
1.11.22	DD	DD048	St Michaels - NDR	Blaby District Council	105.00	0.00	105.00
1.11.22	DD	DD049	Long Street - NDR	Blaby District Council	45.00	0.00	45.00
2.11.22	DD	DD050	Wifi	Vodafone	43.49	8.69	52.18
2.11.22	DD	DD051	Village Hall Water	Everflow	54.33	0.00	54.33
16.11.22	DD	DD052	Waste Collections	Blaby District Council	709.57	0.00	709.57
							£7179.91

(b) To note the bank reconciliation

**RESOLVED**: the bank reconciliation was agreed and has been signed and dated by the Chair and Clerk.

#### 22-209 To consider the parish grant application

**RESOLVED**: Members agreed to pay £400 to the Methodist church following their application for repairs to the church roof. The payment will be added to the December payment schedule.

# 22-210 Clerks Report

The clerk advised a successful meeting was held with the staff at the Old School Surgery following complaints received, they confirmed what progress and improvements have and are being made, an item has been placed in the next newsletter and updates on social media have been shared.

The clerk has contacted EMAS about an award for Tom Martin and it is on going.

The clerk mentioned Rev.Constables leaving event and thanked members for the rose plants, she was delighted.

The John Vernon book remains ongoing

**RESOLVED**: Members agreed to pay £150 towards a skip for the allotments.

The clerk also discussed the 'Sett House' request from Cllr Neal and agreed for Cllr Astill to make contact with the family or friend of the family and the clerk to look at options for listed protection on the property.

# 22-211 To note any correspondence

Cancellation of X55 complaint Jelson agreed to path maintenance at Mays Farm Drive Post office issues with service Disabled Bay repainted Speeding on Station Road Police letter recruiting new chief constable BDC community awards

#### 22-212 To accept items for the newsletter

The next newsletter has gone to print.

#### 22-213 To update on the councillor co-option

Electoral services confirmed that no request for an election was received by the due date of 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022 regarding the casual vacancies notice.

We may fill the vacancy by co-option as soon as practicable.

#### 22-214 To consider the Safeguarding Adults Policy

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to adopt the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Policy.

# 22-215 Planning:

#### New applications:

22/0995/HH-18 Underwood Drive – Two storey side extension and conversion to garage into habitable room – No objections

22/0988/RM – 41 Hinckley Road – Reserved matters of outline permission for the permission to erect two dwellings and extensions to existing dwelling (scale, appearance and landscaping)

Objections given by Stoney Stanton PC at Full Council on 12th October 2021 remain the same for the updated application 1. Village is already oversubscribed to the housing numbers outlined in the BDC Local Plan running to 2029 by some 300 homes. 2. Existing road infrastructure is poor and vehicle numbers along the road and parked on the road are already poor. 3. Local services such as the doctors, whilst present are over subscribed. 4. The properties would be overlooking those of the neighbour's and be detrimental and intrusive to the gardens of the neighbouring properties. 5. It appears contrary to BDC Core Policy CS2, DM1 of BDC Local Plan and FV6 of the Fosse Villages Local Plan 6. The site

doesn't appear on the call for sites for any of the local plans and is not identified for development 7. The exit points from the properties will be onto a busy road that is often single carriageway due to the volume of cars parked on the verges/paths.

22/1022/HH – The Old Rectory – Conversion of existing outbuildings into living accommodation annexed to the existing house, proposed works to include internal alterations, re-roofing and glazed extension

Objections raised with safety due to proximity to Clint Hill Quarry, the extra traffic on single lane road, and consideration should be given to neighbouring properties.

# **Enforcement**

20/0631/OUT - Ashleigh, Broughton Road – Erection of bungalow Enforcement advised that they had done an inspection of the property and confirmed that the erection of the detached garage was deemed to have permission under the provisions set out in the Town and Country Planning Order 2015 and no enforcement action will be taken.

# Granted:

22/0907/HH - 7 Huncote Road – Two storey side and single storey rear extension, construction of porch and conversion of workshop to annexe.

# **Refused:**

22/0075/FUL – 15 Long Street – Erection of a detached dwelling to the rear of 15 Long Street (resubmission of application 21/0356/FUL)

9.10pm - Cllr P Martin had to leave the meeting.

#### **22-216 To update on the Fosse Village Neighbourhood Plan** No update to report.

# 22-217 To update on HNRFI (Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange)

Council will need to look at putting a delegation strategy in place to ensure that all decision making can be done between meetings if required and this has been deferred to next meeting for a strategy to be agreed.

The clerk has asked Jonathan at the planning consultants to pencil in our next few meetings to we can get any necessary updates ahead of time for any resolutions that may need to be done.

The action group will be shared all information.

Tritax sent out the HNRFI newsletter - shared to members

# 22-218 To update on plans for land west of the village

The chair confirmed a liaison group meeting has taken place but nothing worth noting at this time.

# 22-219 To update on other large planning developments

No new developments noted.

# 22-220 To receive reports

Allotments – No new updates

WMPFC – No updates received.

Stoney Stanton Library – No updates received but plenty of activity noted on the social media.

Youth Club – Cllr Dixon advised the club was going well and they need nominations for their kindness bags which will be issued on  $1^{st}$  December, she is now a mental health champion and the club has been registered with the Duke Of Edinburgh Awards as a service provider.

Residents Association – The banner is being updated and they are chasing BDC for updates on the local plan.

Dementia Cafe – Next café session is 25<sup>th</sup> November and Cllr Masters will be running it and the last session of the year is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December if anyone is free to pop in.

Flooding – No new updates.

# 22-221 Chairman's Time.

Items were noted.

# 22-222 CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with LGA 1972, Ss 100 and public bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960

Members were given details of the National Joint Council salary award for all staff members of an increase across all salary scales. The increases were noted and all back pay agreed.

**22-223 Date of next meeting:** The next Full Council meeting is due to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_

Dated:\_\_\_\_\_